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Remarks

The Examiner rejected all claims on the basis of "same invention" double patenting. In response thereto, Applicant has substantially amended and broadened language of the claims such that the claims are not directed to the same invention as previously patented claims. Applicant therefore submits that the Examiner's rejection is moot.

The Examiner's formal objection to the drawings based upon claims 21-22 is also moot as claims 21-22 are now canceled.

The specification has been amended to correct the formal objections noted by the Examiner.

The Examiner's formal objection to claim 23 is moot as the claim has been canceled.

The Examiner's rejection of claims 20-22 is also moot as those claims have been canceled.

Applicant does not concede that any mooted objection is correct merely because the present amendment has avoided those rejections by changing the claimed subject matter. Applicant in particular respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's application and interpretation of the prior art.

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